

ORDINANCE NO: 2023-017

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT ARTICLE III, CHAPTER 14, DIVISION 3, Sections 14-157, 14-158, 14-159 ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CARENCRO

WHEREAS, the City of Carencro, Louisiana, endeavors to attract and maintain hotels to accommodate tourists and other visitors to the City of Carencro and desires to manage the type of accommodation available to the public within the City of Carencro while enhancing the appearance and image of the structures and requires adoption of Article III, Chapter 14, Division 3, Sections 14-157, 14-158 and 14-159, Ordinances of the City of Carencro.

WHEREAS the City Ordinances does not provide sufficient requirements to ensure that new hotels meet minimum standards, parking and amenities desired by the residents and visitors to the City of Carencro.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council for the City of Carencro, Louisiana that the adopt Article III, Chapter 14, Division 3, Sections 14-157, 14-158 and 14-159, Ordinances of the City of Carencro to read as follows:

ARTICLE III, Chapter 14, Division 3 – HOTELS

Sec. 14-157 – DEFINITIONS

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this ordinance, shall have the meaning ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Hotel means a public lodging establishment offering transient lodging accommodations to the public containing hotel room accommodations for twenty five (25) or more guest providing daily housekeeping and providing fixed cooking appliances and kitchens in less than five (5%) of the hotel rooms; and other services generally provided by a hotel and recognized as a hotel in the community in which it is situated or by the hotel industry.

Sec. 14-158 – PURPOSE AND INTENT OF ORDINANCE

The purpose of this section is to establish minimum standards for hotels and address public safety and security impacts, and site design, and outline specific requirements for hotels and extended stay hotels based on their unique respective characteristics, in order to preserve health, safety and general welfare.

Sec. 14-159 – HOTEL MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS

- a. The minimum floor area of the hotel room, which includes all areas to be individually rented by a guest, shall be three hundred (300) square feet.
- b. At least one (1) hotel employee shall staff a registration desk on site twenty-four (24) hours per day.
- c. Hotel shall install and maintain in proper working order, surveillance cameras in the interior areas of the lobby/lounge and at each exterior door. The cameras shall be placed in order to provide visibility to the building access points and public gathering areas. Monitors shall be provided for security and other hotel personnel so that on-site activities may be viewed at all times. Surveillance cameras shall be in operation twenty-four (24) hours a day and all records of images and videos recorded shall be kept a minimum of sixty (60) days.
- d. Buildings shall be designed so that interior corridors or hallways lead to and from hotel rooms. No “catwalk” exterior hallways to hotel rooms shall be permitted.
- e. Active outdoor recreation areas including swimming pools shall be screened from view and located at least twenty-five (25) feet from the line of any adjacent property.
- f. Each hotel must provide one (1) parking space for each hotel room; plus one (1) parking space per two (2) employees on shift at the time of maximum employment.

THUS ADOPTED in the City of Carencro, this the _____ day of _____, 2023.

CHARLOTTE CLAVIER, MAYOR